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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 8589

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TAGS: OCON, MARR, SEATO

SUBJECT : SEATO- 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING

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REF: A. BANGKOK 6565

B. CINCPAC 282233 Z APR 73 (NOTAL)

C. USMILADREP 291013 Z MAY 73 (NOTAL)

1. AT MAY 31 COUNCIL REPS MEETING NEW ZEALAND ACCEPTED PROPOSED DATE SEPTEMBER 28 FOR 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING. AUSTRALIAN ACTING COUNCIL REP SAID THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT WAS NOT YET IN POSITION TO ACCEPT DATE, GOA HAD NO OBJECTION TO ITS BEING USED AS BASIS FOR PLANNING. ALL OTHER MEMBERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED SEPTEMBER 28.

2. COUNCIL REPS ALSO AGREED TO THE HOLDING OF A RESTRICTED, OFF-THE- RECORD MEETING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 27 ( REFTEL A, CONFIDENTIAL

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PARA 3).

3. RE MILAD PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETING, NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL REP STATED HIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SUPPORT SUCH PARTICIPATION AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, NEW ZEALAND MILAD WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND. AUSTRALIAN REP AGREED THAT MILADS SHOULD NOT ATTEND MEETING. ON OTHER HAND, THAI ALTERNATE COUNCIL REP STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD RTG MILAD PLANNED ATTEND, IF NOT IN MILAD CAPACITY, THEN AS MEMBER THAI DELEGATION. WE UNDERSTAND PHILIPPINE MILAD ALSO LIKELY ATTEND AS MEMBER ITS DELEGATION.

4. IT NOW APPEARS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A 38 TH MILADS CONFERENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNCIL MEETING. MOREOVER, MILADS, AS SUCH, WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL MEETING. ANY MILADS ATTENDANCE WILL BE STRICTLY AT DISCRETION INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS TO WHETHER THEY WISH TO INCLUDE THEM AS PART NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. COUNCIL REPS AGREED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER RESPECTIVE MILADS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN NATIONAL DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING JUNE 29.

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